Vehicle License Fee Change

Information

Legislation effective January 1, 2005, permanently **reduces** the vehicle license fee (VLF) to 0.65 percent of the market value of the vehicle, and eliminates the VLF offset for vehicles and park trailers with fees due on or after January 1, 2005.

Formula:	Example:
Market Value	\$20,000
x <u>.0065</u>	x <u>.0065</u>
VLF	\$130

Original registration and renewals with an expiration date prior to January 1, 2005, will receive the VLF offset.

VLF Rate Table

The Vehicle License Fee Rate Table (REG 360) and the Vehicle License Fee Rate Table Park Trailers (REG 361) are being revised to reflect the 0.65 percent VLF. Both will be available on DMV's Internet site at www.dmv.ca.gov by selecting "Vehicle Industry and Commercial Permits" and scrolling down to "Industry Information."

Background

The VLF was based on two percent of the market value and an eleven-year depreciation schedule (eighteen-year depreciation schedule for park trailers). Various rate reductions were instituted as "offsets," ending with the current offset of 67.5 percent. The legislation changes the percentage from 2 to 0.65 and reduces the VLF permanently. The eleven-year depreciation schedule for vehicles and the eighteen-year depreciation schedule for park trailers remain unchanged.

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